



BILL SUMMARY
HB5437 Mechanical Licensing
HB5436 Low-voltage Control Wiring
HB5435 Water Heater Piping

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DESCRIPTION

A tie-barred package of three bills to bring common sense solutions to issues facing Michigan's licensed mechanical contractors. Passage of these bills will safeguard the public interest by validating the competency of individuals seeking mechanical contractor's licensing; reducing costs to home and building owners; while providing a fast lane to licensing for those with previous licensing, training or education.

HB5437 – Mechanical Licensing Work Experience

A bill amending provisions of the Forbes Mechanical Act (PA192 of 1984) ensuring demonstrated competency of applicants seeking licensure as a mechanical contractor; providing a fastlane to testing in additional classifications for previously licensed individuals; and granting work experience credit to veterans and graduates of approved HVACR training and education programs.

This bills drives work classification changes in HB5436 and HB5435.

These amendments, among other things to the following:

- Grant veterans work experience credit towards 3-year/6000-hour requirement.
- Grant graduates of approved HVACR training or education programs credit towards 3-year/6000-hour requirement.
- Restore years long practices utilized by the Building Code Commission to validate an individual's work experience when applying for a mechanical license.
- Allow a mechanical license holder to increase the number of classifications held in certain circumstances to expedite expanded business opportunities.

HB5436 – Low-voltage Control Wiring

A bill amending provisions of the Electrical Administrative Act (PA217 of 1956) exempting licensed mechanical contractors, holding certain classifications, and licensed plumbing contractors, from electrical licensing requirements while installing new low-voltage control wiring and electrical component parts that are part of a mechanical system.

These amendments, among other things to the following:

- Allow the mechanical contractor of record or plumbing contractor, responsible for correct installation of the mechanical system(s) the legal authority to install the control wiring and electrical component parts of those mechanical systems.
- Reduces costs of replacement systems by not mandating a licensed electrical contractor install low-voltage or electrical component parts.

HB5435 – Residential Water Heater Piping

A bill amending provisions of the State Plumbing Act (PA733 of 2002) exempting licensed mechanical contractors, holding certain classifications, from plumbing licensing requirements while performing water heater replacements in 1-family and 2-family dwellings. This

These amendments, among other things to the following:

- Allows a mechanical contractor holding proper classifications to replace a residential water heater without being required to hold both a plumbing and mechanical license.
- Reduce costs to homeowners by not requiring two contractors holding separate licenses to install a replacement water heater.

The Michigan Air Conditioning Contractors Association (MIACCA) is a 501(c)(6) trade association representing Michigan licensed mechanical contractors. Our members primarily conduct HVACR installations and replacements in residential and light-commercial new and existing buildings.

Being founded in 1922, MIACCA has long been an advocate for fair competition in Michigan's mechanical industry.

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